Subject: Jonathan M. Swanson medal of Luther.

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Dr. H. R. Gold,
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Dear Sirs:-

I am informed that you are in charge of the issue of a medal of Luther designed by Mr. Jonathan N. Swanson, of Newark. Mr. Swanson is one of our members, and we should very much like to have a copy of this medal to add to our showing of his other work here. There is however an additional reason for our desiring the medal. On November 1st we are planning a meeting to celebrate the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Nailing of the Thesis. Dr. Jeremiah Zimmerman is to address our Society. We have arranged an exhibition of coins and medals of Luther's period and of centenaries since then, and we should very much like to have this latest addition to the series to show with the others.

I presume that you know the standing of The American Numismatic Society and its purposes, but lest that should not be the case I am sending, under separate cover, a copy of an historical sketch, which will give you this information.

I am not informed as to the agency through which this medal is published, but I hope you will feel that you would like to have a copy of it in our permanent exhibition, and that it will be possible for you to present a copy or two copies, if there is more than one size, for our permanent collection.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.